

**CITY OF DEXTER
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING
MEETING MINUTES
JUNE 21, 2022**

The regular meeting of the City of Dexter Parks and Recreation Commission was called to order at 7:01pm at 3515 Broad St.

ROLL CALL

Commissioners:

Becky Murillo – Present
Jamie Griffin – Present
Toni Henkemeyer – Absent
Anne Marques – Absent
Melissa Messer – Present
Ron Miller – Present
Joanne Wagner – Present

Student Representatives:

Kyle Butrum – Absent
Caitlyn Donnelly – Absent
Will O'Haver – Absent

Others Present: Justin Breyer, City Manager; Josh Tanghe, Assistant to the City Manager;
Jeanette Frost (virtually)

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Motion by Miller; seconded by Wagner to approve the minutes from May 17, 2022 as presented.

Unanimous Voice Vote
Motion Adopted

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Murillo; seconded by Griffin to approve the agenda with the following amendment(s):

- Adding "Expression Swings" as Item B under New Business

Unanimous Voice Vote
Motion Adopted

CITIZENS WISHING TO ADDRESS THE COMMISSION

None

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATION

A. CHAIR

B. COMMISSIONERS AND EX-OFFICIO

C. STAFF REPORT

Staff gave updates on the following items:

- The new temporary sculptures have been completed with the last ones going in on June 15th. You can visit them at the following locations: (1) LaFontaine, (2) circular seating area in MCP South, (3) between the Library and Farmers Market, and (4) in the Clocktower Plaza
- Staff provided the few community survey questions that pertain to parks and recreation to be used for various discussions
- Staff gave an update on the status of the “Walk Your Wheels” stencils. Staff plans to notify P&R members of when they plan to spray the stencils again so if the members have some time, they can check out the locations and provide feedback
 - Staff also mentioned investigating more permanent options such as other paint and decals that stick to concrete surfaces
- Staff has been conversing with Sinclair to get pricing on playground work to be done in Community Park
- Staff has received unofficial confirmation that they will be receiving funding for the new B2B kiosk through the Community Tourism Action Plan grant program
 - Staff is also working on getting pricing and updated designs for the old and new kiosk signage

NEW BUSINESS

A. DISCUSSION OF: MILL CREEK PARK PLAYGROUND

The Parks and Recreation Commission discussed the following related to the Mill Creek Park Playground:

- Staff presented findings from discussions they had with various “natural playground” companies. Those companies were:
 - Bienenstock
 - Earthscape
 - Beanstalk
- P&R looked at the examples provided from some of the companies and what was offered as various price points
 - P&R members found some elements of the playgrounds to be too simple or didn’t offer the uniqueness they were looking for
- After discussion, P&R found that the best method to begin forming the playground they want would be to look at the online portfolios and catalogues of the different playground companies and send their favorite projects/elements to staff so they can solicit those project/element costs
 - Staff will provide links to the following companies:
 - Earthscape
 - GameTime
 - Beanstalk
 - Bienenstock
 - Others found during research
- Staff will also reach out to the various companies and see who has a formal catalogue (if available)

B. DISCUSSION OF: EXPRESSION SWINGS

Discussion regarding this item did not occur as staff presented an update regarding the Expression Swings during the Staff Report.

OLD BUSINESS

None

PARKS AND TREES MAINTENANCE REQUESTS

None

CITIZENS WISHING TO ADDRESS THE COMMISSION

None

PROPOSED BUSINESS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

The following items were discussed as a part of general discussion or as proposed business for future meetings:

- Staff will reach out to Hudson Mills to connect Joanne Wagner to their maintenance for assistance disposing the the trash she collects during weekly/bi-weekly cleanups
 - There may also be an opportunity for Joanne to work with the Dexter students who are looking to apply a grant toward a river clean up in the same area
- Becky Murillo mentioned talking with a staff member at Forest Lawn Cemetery about two trees in the right-of-way they indicated were dead/dying
 - During the discussion, it was also mentioned that there may have been a previous agreement for the City to provide some bushes near the cemetery near the B2B Trail

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Murillo, seconded by Griffin to adjourn the meeting at 8:04pm.

Unanimous Voice Vote
Motion Adopted

Josh Tanghe
Assistant to the City Manager